

POET'S CORNER.

SUDDEN DEATH OF AN INFANT.

"Though the dew-drop bright
To our waking sight
For a moment is only given,
Yet 'tis sweet to know
That when lost below,
It ascends to its home in heaven."

How My Baby Comforted Me.

It was only a moment's smile—only a passing glance from a soul just hovering on the borders of that land from which no words of cheer from human life have ever come, and yet it was to my soul almost as a message from the dead, and left a memory that will not fade away. For many hours I had held my dying baby in my arms. Not from any thought of further recognition, for that we had not deemed possible, but simply from a mother's uncontrollable longing to have her child close, close to her in its sorest need. Hours before, the light had died from his eyes, and death's rigidity had sealed his lips. So, I sat clasping him, with what thoughts none can know save those to whom God has given the same cup to drink. I had not prayed that he might live, I believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. I believe His love is wiser and tenderer than mine, even for my own child. I believe in the richness and fullness of the eternal life, and that they who go thither when the Father calls them, suffer no loss, but gather infinite gain, even if they go as infants away from all the unfulfilled possibilities of life. And so, because I loved him better than myself—as mothers do their babies—I had not asked God to leave him here with me. I had said *Thy will, not mine*. I had given him up, and was bearing him in sore pain into death, wishing most of all that it might soon end in his new life. Suddenly, as we watched his failing breath, with bated breath ourselves, a wondrous change came over the fixed eyes, and set lips. Back from the realms of death came the almost vanished soul. Almost as if responding to the longing love of the heart on which it lay, back to full consciousness came my baby's soul. The veil of death lifted from his eyes—every feature fell into its old repose. His eyes, deep, solemn, and beautiful as never before, and filled with an inexpressible love rested full on mine. A moment, filled with exquisite rapture, and with a singular communion of soul, and then a long, and perfect smile—one having no trace of the fearful suffering he had borne—no shade of sorrow nor pain—a smile almost as if from eyes and lips already glorified—a smile that seemed to me to say: Be patient, be strong, there is no ceasing of love where I stand, nor where I am going. I return from Death itself to you, a moment with my heart full as ever of the deepest human love. Again I go down into, and now through the Valley of the Shadow of Death, but I shall not forget this time either. Go your way, and I will mine, and very soon we shall meet again, where I will greet your home coming, as before you greeted mine.

Do you not wonder, my soul said in response? Ask the mothers whose hearts have been made strong in other years, by memories as sacred as this, and who have lived their words of consecration. I only know that peace and rest, and thanksgiving from his mother's heart, went with my baby, down through the darkening hours which fell at once, and left no further sign. I know, buried as he is from my sight, he is not dead, but *living, loving still*; and that I shall find him again, in patience, strength and faith I follow on.

Bloomfield, Oct. 10, 1872. *Mrs. G. G.*

OUR CARCANET.

"By means of friendship the absent are present; the needy abound; the imbecile are strong; and, what is most difficult to believe, the dead live."
—Cicero.

"A virtuous deed should never be delayed. The impulse comes from heaven; and he who strives
A moment to repress it, disobeys
The God within his mind."
—Dove.

CHRISTIANITY teaches us the endurance of misfortune; it encourages its votaries to triumph in adversity, and inspires the soul with joy in the hour of affliction.

HUMAN policy never fixes one end of a chain round the ankle of a slave, but divine justice rivets the other round the neck of his tyrant.

"True magnanimity does not consist in never falling, but in rising every time we fall."
—Goldsmith.

"While all is not lost, all is ultimately retrievable."
—Canning.

AFTER DINNER.

Was William Penn's pocket handkerchief the original pen wiper?
If a toper and a quart of whisky were left together, which would be drunk first?
SKEGLES says the most thrilling tale he ever listened to was that of a rattlesnake.

"Have you heard my last speech?" asked a political haranguer of a wit. "I hope so," was the reply.

"I came near selling my boots the other day," said John to a friend. "How so?" "Well, I had them half soled."

A PARTY on seeing a pencil sketch of the battle of Waterloo, said it was a drawn battle. We always thought it had been one.

"Wise," said a man, looking for his boot-jack, "I have places where I keep my things, and you ought to know it." "Yes, I ought to know where you keep your late hours, but I don't."

FOUR SEASONS—Pepper, Salt, Vinegar and Mustard.

What is that which has a mouth and never speaks, and a bed in which it never sleeps? A river.

A LOVING swain in Maine dedicated a napkin ring "To my almost wife."

On returning home from church, little Freddy, who is about five years old, said to his father: "Our minister is a Republican, isn't he?" "I hope so, my son; but why do you think so?" "Because, when he was praying this morning he said 'Grant, our Heavenly Father,' If he had been a Democrat, he would have said 'Greedy,' our Heavenly Father."

The Cricket on the Hearth.

We propose to set apart a certain space in the GAZETTE to be devoted to the exercise and development of youthful talent, and the encouragement of their imaginative faculties. We designate that department as above, *THE CRICKET ON THE HEARTH*,—because the quiet eventide and the sober bedtime hours when the Cricket's chirping are most frequently heard are favorable to excite the memory, and stimulate the imagination. Let our youthful sons and daughters avail themselves of this opportunity. Write carefully, correct your compositions diligently, affix whatever initials, or name you choose to adopt; but the editors must have the real name of the writers, which may be given to us without hesitation; we will not expose you.

When you are satisfied that your piece is ready, then copy it plainly, writing only on one side of your paper, and directing it to "THE BLOOMFIELD GAZETTE," send it to our office at the Post Office.

At our request the following by a modest Miss of Bloomfield, is furnished as an introduction, and a promise of compliance on the part of the young ladies. We hope the young gentlemen will be equally compliant:

PRELUDE.

Summer with its days of sunshine and of rain, and hours both bright and dark, has passed swiftly away; and once more the rich autumn with its harvests of fruit and golden sheaves, receives our hearty welcome.

We too, would yield to you, kind friends, some of our first fruits—the products, not of well tilled and cultivated farms, but of the gardens of our young imaginations; and as we gather them, so we will lay them before you, from time to time, hoping that though you may smile upon our first attempts, you will not despise the "day of small things," and we will all look for better in the future.

Knowing that when the sun of knowledge and experience shall have shone for a longer time upon our minds, we will be able to offer you thoughts of a fuller and more perfect growth.

THE ANTIQUE CHAIR.

A broad old-fashioned fire-place, the great log-burning brightly, the wide stone hearth with the shining andirons so curiously shaped; all rise before me. Shall I tell you what I am thinking about to-night, and show you one of the many pictures "that hang on memory's walls?"

Oh! children, (let me call you so a little while longer,) memory is one of the greatest gifts to mankind. Store up in it now that which will be for your profit, and afford you pleasure in the years to come.

Drawing aside the veil which time stretches between the past and the present, I see, as if it were but of yesterday, a scene of long ago. Evening in the old homestead—a group of loved ones with the firelight falling over them. By the round-table, in his arm-chair, the father reads the weekly paper. In the corner sits the mother, with a sweet content upon her face, as quietly knitting, she pauses now and then, to smile upon the little one by her side. Opposite is her eldest boy, busily whittling with a boy's genius, some wished-for or fancied toy. Next to him, a merry little lad catches the thin shavings as they fall, to build small bonfires on the hearth, or hides in the hot ashes the treasured chestnuts to roast for all. In the centre sits a young girl in a low rocking chair; her work has dropped from her hands, and leaning back, she watches the fitful flames as if, chasing one another, they mount higher and higher. She is looking forward to the future, which alas, is so different from that she sees in the red, glowing embers before her. Resting against the mother's knee is her youngest, the darling of all; with one hand she softly strokes old Pusey, who in her lap enjoys the warmth and cosiness as much as anyone.

All is still for a while, except the old clock with its ceaseless monotone, ticking away the passing hours. When, from under the hearthstone, merrily comes the Cricket's nightly chirp, chirp, chirp—rp. The children listen for a while to the shrill little singer; then one whispers, "Mamma, what does the Cricket say?" and the mother, fondly smiling, tells them the song and its meaning. How, in the bright and pleasant summer-time, he cheerily lays up store for the coming winter days, and provides a snug, warm house, away from the cold stones without. The meaning is for all, in the happy, summer time of youth, to improve the fleeting, golden hours; laying up those treasures that, when time's *shoes* fall around the winding path of life, will shed light, joy, and peace. Take example of the Cricket, children, and you will always sing with as light a heart as happy a song as his.

Fast asleep has the little one gone, with Pusey's gentle purring for her lullaby. The great clock slowly strikes the hour. "Bed-time, children," says the mother; and soon, with the last loving kisses given, they are far away dreaming in the "land of nod."

Quiet reigns now—the silence only broken by the Cricket's tremulous chirps or the busy click of the mother's needles, as she and the father sit alone by the fireside.

Now, they too have gone to rest. The fire is almost out; and in the dim, fading light, again the veil is drawn over the picture. Hoping that you may succeed in whatever you undertake, I too will say good night.

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